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Letter dated 4 October 1999 from the Chairman of the Second Committee to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Second Committee to propose a split allocation of item 101 (a) of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system". As you know, the Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, allocated this item to the Second Committee, at the 3rd plenary meeting of its fifty-fourth session, on 17 September 1999.

At the 2nd meeting of the Second Committee, on 29 September, several States proposed that a topic under item 101 (a), namely, follow-up of the World Summit for Children, be considered in plenary meeting while the remaining subjects would be retained for consideration by the Second Committee. The proposal to move the topic to plenary meeting was justified on the basis that the follow-up of the World Summit for Children involved preparations for a special session of the General Assembly in 2001 and that these preparations, and the successful outcome of the special session, could be enhanced if the item was addressed in plenary meeting. Moreover, the substantive issues likely to be considered at the special session entailed subjects addressed by other Main Committees of the Assembly, in particular the Third Committee. For these reasons, the Second Committee agreed to the proposal and requested that I write to you to bring this matter to the attention of the General Committee for approval.

I would be most grateful if you could propose to the General Committee that agenda item 101 (a) be allocated both to plenary meeting and to the Second Committee on the understanding that only the topic "Follow-up of the World Summit for Children" would be considered in plenary meeting. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

(*Signed*) M. Roble **Olhaye**

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